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To: Members of the Legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee

Re: Reject HB-5460 An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings

Good Morning:

I have chosen to write urging you to reject HB 5460 because it is an onerous bill that will create an even more difficult environment in Connecticut for small businesses.

As the owner of a small business here in Connecticut since 1977, I have dealt with my employees fairly, and have been able to provide a working environment that is greatly enhanced by being able to communicate freely with them, and them with me.

The State should not impose any restrictions on free speech during staff meetings. Nor should they make it even harder to do business in this state than it already is. I get the feeling that the legislature just hates all its small businesses and wishes they would fail. Because that is the way you are acting when you keep imposing regulations that are not only unneeded, but are against common sense. Please wake up before it's too late and begin to appreciate small business in this state.

Thank you for taking the time to read my heartfelt plea.

Sincerely,

Joyce Kay